

Original Goals

1. To serve as a non profit enterprise.
2. To remain non-partisan in politics.
3. To remain neutral in religious matters.
4. To print news accurately and regularly.

Greenbelt

News Review

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

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5. To make its pages an open forum for civic affairs.
 6. To develop a staff of volunteer writers.
 7. To create a "Good Neighbor" spirit, promote friendships, advance the common good, and develop a "Greenbelt philosophy" of life.
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Staff Runs a Full-Scale Business New Volunteers Are Always Needed

by Sandra A. Lange

The News Review masthead lists over 50 persons who comprise the newspaper staff. There are four basic types of jobs on the News Review—writing and editing, advertising or business, production and circulation. Many staffers perform a multiplicity of jobs. Most stories are written by staff reporters or contributors from the community, or they reach the desk of the News Review when a business or institution issues a press release.

All written content is edited for substance, style and grammar—with an alertness to screen out anything that might be libelous or in questionable taste. Letters to the editor sometimes must be cut for space or other reasons; and most press releases require a rewrite to get them down to their essentials. Finally, an appropriate headline of just the right length must be written for each article.

The business side of the News Review involves the acceptance and solicitation of advertising, collection of debts, payment of bills, and maintenance of extensive records on business transactions and personnel. The amount of advertising on any given week usually determines the size of the paper.

The production of the newspaper involves the physical layout of ads and stories on a page (called "make up"); proofreading from long strips of newsprint (called "galley") for spelling, punctuation and other errors; and the actual typesetting, page composition and presses by the print shop.

The circulation covers the delivery of each paper to the homes of Greenbelt residents by a cadre of young persons as well as by homeowner associations. Bundles of papers also go to the shopping malls and some large office buildings. Weekly circulation is now 10,400 copies and more development in Greenbelt East will go higher.

Board of Directors

The News Review is governed by a five-member Board of Directors elected each fall. A membership meeting for all the staff is held in a member's home. Board members are elected by the members for one-year terms; however, some people have served for many years. The board, which is the policy-making arm, is also responsible for creating and approving editorials conveying the paper's opinions on matters of concern to the city.

The present board consists of Diane Oberg, president; James K. Giese, vice president; Virginia Beauchamp, treasurer; Bernina McGee, secretary; and Barbara Likowski.

The editor, Mary Lou Williamson, is an ex-officio member of the Board, as are Elaine Skolnik, president emerita, and Diane Oberg, a statistician. Mary Halford, business manager,

with the Census Bureau, has been with the paper 12 years. She works Tuesday nights, regularly covers city council meetings and writes on other subjects. Having started at the advertising desk, she is the versatile "troubleshooter" on the staff, who can write, edit, put the paper together, work the "ad desk," and help with business records of the paper as required. She is the paper's computer guru who writes programs for the paper's unique needs. As president she keeps a finger on the pulse of the paper.

Following his retirement in June 1991, former manager James K. Giese joined the staff of the News Review. His in-depth knowledge of issues and people has brought invaluable expertise to the newspaper. Giese is a prolific writer on a variety of subjects and also works at the editing desk on Tuesday nights.

Virginia Beauchamp is a former News Review editor who exchanged that job with Dorothy Sucher when Virginia moved away for a two-year hitch in Africa. With the paper for 35 years, Virginia digs into her memory bank to retrieve details on past events. She writes news stories and editorials, but concentrates on editing. A retired associate professor of English at the University of Maryland, a published author and now as special assistant to the president of the university, Virginia is the staff's last word on points of grammar.

With the News Review for 21 years, Barbara Likowski has an eagle eye for errors and an almost photographic memory for what has arrived in the stacks of mail received by the paper each week. Her total recall and attention to detail on Tuesday nights contribute greatly to the paper's accuracy and completeness. She covers occasional city council or GHI meetings, does the make-up once a month on Wednesday nights and often reads page-proofs at the print shop on Thursdays. Another extremely versatile staffer, she can and does fill in for almost any staff job which needs doing.

Bernina (Bernie) McGee recently was elected to the Board of Directors following the resignation of Pat Scully. Having retired from her position at the University of Maryland, Bernie became a volunteer on the News Review. An active resident of the

community for almost 30 years, she brings valued knowledge of the issues. She edits copy on Tuesday nights and reads page proofs at the print shop on Thursday mornings.

At the Heart of the Paper

Editor for 20 years, Mary Lou Williamson does some of everything. She solicits advertising throughout the week, edits copy on Tuesday nights, does make-up herself or assists with it every Wednesday night and goes to the print shop to give the paper its final review on Thursdays. She is the one person who knows all jobs and can do any of them while dealing with dozens of callers and constant staff questions in her relaxed and calm manner.

From her 17th floor Bethesda apartment, Elaine Skolnik is the Katherine Graham of the News Review. She cut her teeth on the paper by writing the chatty "Our Neighbors" column for almost 20 years. Gradually she became the guru of sewage disposal plants, development, zoning, roads, and numerous other critical public issues. With telephone in hand, she is a relentless factual researcher. Elaine now specializes in residential land development and progress of the Metro subway. Elaine rarely attends meetings but she hobnobs with politicians, developers and their attorneys at social functions in Greenbelt and never hesitates to follow up with tough questions for her stories.

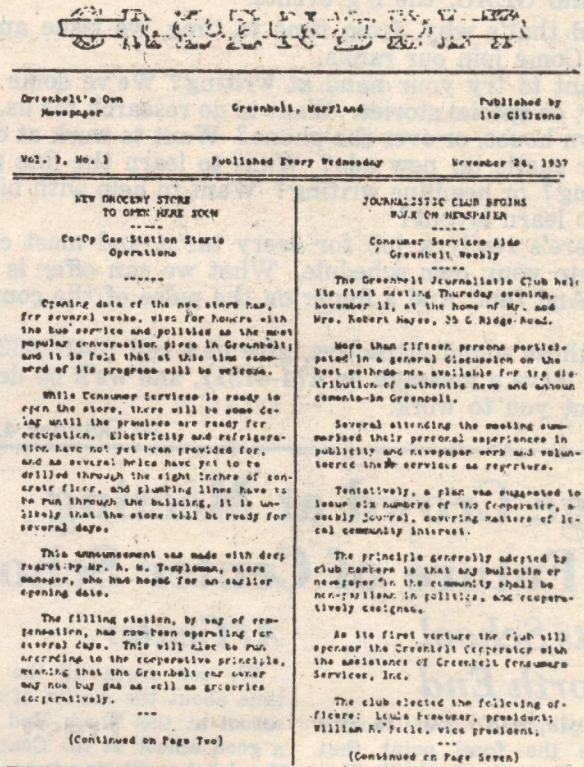
Elaine assumed the presidency of the News Review when her late husband, Alfred Skolnik, died in 1977. She stepped down from that position in 1986 to be able to devote more time to her grandchildren and other pet projects.

Elaine, in her present job as news editor, assigns stories, trains journalism interns and new reporters, calls errant advertisers who are late in paying bills, is usually on hand Tuesday nights, and checks in by phone every Wednesday night (even when she is on vacation) to help decide what goes into the paper and what doesn't. Despite her attempt to reduce her role, Elaine continues to exert a strong influence on all aspects of the paper.

This reporter is a community development specialist with Prince Georges County government. I have been with the News Review for 26 years and consider

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This special edition of the News Review stresses the last five years of publication. Staff members Pat Davis, Jim Giese, Sandra Lange, Barbara Likowski, Bernina McGee, Linda Savaryn and Mary Lou Williamson prepared this issue.



VOLUME 1, NUMBER 1

This is how the first page of the first issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator looked. The first issue appeared on November 24, 1937 and consisted of 16 letter-sized mimeographed pages of local news and editorial content. The name of the paper was changed in 1954 to the Greenbelt News Review.

How We Do It

(In "the more things change, the more they stay the same category, we reprint our editorial of Feb. 6, 1942 — with a few updates, such as the present name of the paper.)

Last week we received a letter from a new resident... asking us when the boy was going to collect for the paper. Neighbor, the boy doesn't collect for the Cooperator/News Review. It's free to you, one of the few free things in a world of soaring prices and increased taxes.

But you pay for your town paper indirectly through every advertisement published. In a year we average just about enough advertising revenue to cover the printing bill and other costs of publication. The staff is made up of your neighbors who contribute their time, from two to ten or more hours a week.

Begun as a mimeographed job, the Cooperator/News Review has maintained weekly publication through crisis after crisis, under 39 different editors. In 1939, the paper was printed with a photo-offset process, and a year later changed its format to an eight-page tabloid size. Last September (1942) the Cooperator changed to its present printed style—and here we are (and still are 50 years later).

At one time the Cooperator considered all readers in town as owners of the news organ, and allowed any resident to vote for the editor in the semi-annual elections. Last fall, (1941) in order to establish a firmer financial basis for operation and to insure continuity of publication the staff incorporated the paper as a producer cooperative, the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association.

Any resident is welcomed on the staff with or without previous journalism experience. This is an amateur paper, which accounts for the way it looks and reads some weeks. We don't make much money but we have a lot of fun. Come down to the office any Monday or Tuesday evening after 8 o'clock. You will find us in our basement office at 15 Parkway, and we will put you to work at once.

— February 27, 1992

Join the Crew

"Why don't you cover the news better in Greenbelt East?" "Why didn't you report our organization's meeting?" These are questions we News Review staff members often hear. And for those new to town the answers are far from evident. We're a newspaper, after all.

Well, even old-timers in town sometimes forget our reality: We're really a very small crew. We work part time. We're volunteers. Sometimes we're stretched to the limit—and even beyond. And that's why we ask you to submit the stories about your own meetings. We try to cover the citywide issues—the council, GHI (which used to be all the town) and GEAC, the big events.

And that's why, from time to time, we issue an invitation: Come join our ranks.

Want to try your hand at writing? We've some beats to cover, or special stories. Want to do research for us, from your own house, or over the phone? Want to work at our ad desk, or rustle up new ads? Want to learn the fine points of editing? or headline writing? Want to help with billing? Want to learn layout?

There's really a job for every taste, and most can be fitted into your own schedule. What we can offer is flexibility. And fun. And a finger on the pulse of the community.

If those sound attractive, give us a call (441-2662, 493-8336 or leave a message on 474-4131), and we'll be delighted to put you to work.

— October 4, 1990

Large Crowd at Meeting On Future of Center School Wants School At North End

This proposed new facility could be the focal point that will stimulate the revitalization of the North End of Greenbelt. I also understand that a new elementary school is the most viable solution to the future educational needs of our children and grandchildren.

I would like to see our children's children attend a new North End School and would encourage the citizens of Greenbelt to support such an initiative.

—January 9, 1989

I believe the children of Greenbelt deserve to learn in a safe and orderly environment, or at the very least, in a building which is on a par with schools throughout the county.

The city should restore the Center School Art Deco structure to its original state. A public facility at this central location could serve all of the citizens of Greenbelt.

—February 2, 1989

Error Found

I stand by my statement that the school board's claim that the North End site is somehow closer to more students is incorrect. However, I have found an error in my calculation of straight-line student distances to Center School and the North End site. My corrected figure is that the North End site is, on average, 15% farther from the student population than Center School, not 29% as I previously reported.

Although the school board has yet to substantiate their claim,

At Center

We can argue till the end of time about the merits of a good school at the North End versus a good school at the Center, but the debate will stay balanced between two goods except for a timely consideration.

Tradition, remembered in our drive for progress, weights the balance in favor of the Center School. The world does not begin anew with each generation. It took a lot of effort to get us where we are and the physical structures of that history achieve institutional status.

—January 9, 1989

Center School is too important to Greenbelt to leave control with the county.

—January 9, 1989

Show of Hooves

This morning, as I went out to view the wilderness from my back yard, I noticed deer prints in the yard. Following them back to the trailside bench beyond my yard, I encountered an assemblage of pine needles and deer footprint. I carefully pasted aasm on a sheet of paper as I found them, and offer the following interpretation, in case anyone has trouble reading the letters: "Dear voters; Please vote for a community center at the North End so that we can share the woods." I take the horizontal line followed by a deep deer footprint as being a deer signature.

—June 22, 1989

I would be happy to provide data supporting my own conclusions upon request.

—March 9, 1989

CENTER WINS NARROWLY

by Diane Oberg

Greenbelt East, along with the absentee ballots, provided the margin of victory as the \$3 million bond ordinance for a community center was approved 833 to 762 (51.5% to 47.1%). Center School was selected as the preferred site for the community center by an even narrower margin, with 50.3 percent of the voters for Center versus 46.4 for North End.

— June 9, 1989

We Remember

Leo Gerton

by Eileen Peterson

Despite the biting cold last Saturday morning, over 50 friends and relatives of the late Leo Gerton gathered on the grassy slope across from the High's store on Centerway to remember him.

In a tribute read beside the simple ground plaque and kousa dogwood given by the Gerton family, City Councilman Thomas X. White expressed the feelings of many as he recalled Gerton's place in the community.

Following are excerpts from that tribute:

"We are here today to memorialize one of Greenbelt's finest citizens. . . . The Center was so much a part of Leo's life and, in return Leo was a significant contributor to the life of this Center. . . . It is very easy to retrieve with mind's eye a particular personal memory of Leo, either in or near the High's store he operated for so many years.

"The real measure of Leo Gerton, however, is in how he extended himself beyond the Center and put countless hours, quiet energy and enormous heart into very important community-wide endeavors. . . . intended to improve Greenbelt or assist its citizens.

"Leo's work on the City Council and its Advisory Planning Board contributed greatly to the development of the Greenbelt Master Plan. (His efforts) brought comprehensive health testing and disease screening programs to Greenbelt. Even Leo's love for fishing was transformed into his own personal and unique fish fry (at Greenbelt Lake)—everyone was invited, of course.

"One of Leo's fondest achievements was his role as one . . . who worked tirelessly to bring the branch library to Greenbelt. . . . It was not surprising that Leo earned his community's highest honor (when he became) Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of 1977. . . . Let this memorial, situated in one of his favorite places, be a constant reminder of how we can be good citizens and serve others."

—December 15, -988

Planned City Abandoned

The citizens of Greenbelt, based on such information as was made available to them, have decided. There will be a new school building at North End and the city will assume ownership of the building which has heretofore been the Greenbelt Center School. The "planned community," whose Depression-era advertisements all emphasized the importance of children and their environment, is all but abandoned.

—July 7, 1989

Greenbelt is a planned community that is sticking with its plan and adapting quite well to changes no one was able to foresee at the time of its birth. The town's ability to adapt and change is the reason for its survival as a planned community. No one ever expected Greenbelt to be a static display or a museum; this is a living community and as such must grow and must change. We have voted to move ahead into the 1990's but we have not changed course, we have not varied from the original plan.

—July 13, 1989

Janet James

by Sandra Barnes

Janet James was a special member of the News Review staff. In the mid-1970's, when Janet was in her 70's, she was asked if she would do make up; that is cutting up the galleys of type and setting the ads and stories on pages. When assured that she could still write letters to the editor, she gladly accepted the make-up job until arthritis in her hands forced her to give it up several years later.

However, Janet continued as almost a weekly proofreader. She eagerly came out on Wednesday nights despite cold, rain or snow. A meticulous proofreader, her specialty was looking for incidents or typos which would remind her of a funny story.

Janet also liked to sing and would occasionally startle other proofreaders with her rendition of an Episcopalian hymn or nursery rhyme. Her singing was in evidence at the recent wedding of Sally Sims and Sam Stokes, where she was heard gustily leading the audience in some of her favorite hymns.

Sally Sims bought Janet's GHI home in April. When she found out that Sally was going to marry Sam, she was delighted to know that her house would really become a "honeymoon cottage."

Sally recalls that Janet telephoned her one day to ask if Sally had any silver reveré bowls. Janet traditionally gave all brides-to-be a Reveré bowl as a wedding present, because one had been given to her when she moved into her first house. She was a person of strong traditions.

Among the many wonderful memories of Janet are her hospitality in opening her home to visitors for frequent House and Garden tours and for luncheons and dinners, her love of cooking and singing, her joy in storytelling; there was her incredible memory—in which she could recite a poem heard only once 20 years ago—her hearty, infectious laughter and her irrepressible humor.

—December 8, 1988



The View from Ridge Road

by Christina O'Boyle

I have been waiting for the wreckers to arrive and tear down North End School. Empty for ten years, it could be waiting too. But it has not been idle—not completely.

Whenever there was a decent snowfall, the hills behind the school made for great sledding. Dog owners used its lawns for an unobtrusive place to let their dogs run. Some of us used it as a playground: I stood at the bottom of a hill to catch Michael as he ran down, blissfully screeching.

For a while we neighbors voted there. It was almost an unpleasant experience, the smell of mold and mildew filled the unused corridors. Fans were set up to push the air around. They did not help much, but at least the lonely building had some visitors.

One winter we took a chilly tour of the vacant school. Architectural drawings for a potential community center were posted beside a hot coffee pot. City leaders and interested neighbors commiserated with members from Greenbelt's various committees about what could be done with the derelict building. As we sipped coffee, we talked excitedly about fulfilling our dreams through remodeled school rooms. Somehow these hopes trickled over to Center School, leaving North End all the more desolate.

In the beginning North End School was full of children and their dreams. I imagine them sitting at their wooden desks, staring out the windows onto Ridge Road. From my kitchen windows I watched those children amble to and from school. When North End closed, I missed that young traffic. It reminded me of my own happy, dream-laden walks to school.

Yet there is a dream to come. It is a vision of my own children walking up Ridge Road to their brand new North End School.

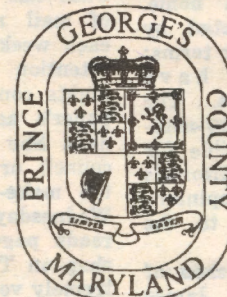
— August 8, 1991



Happy 55th
to the
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for 55 years of volunteer efforts to
benefit the Greenbelt community.

Richard J. Castaldi, Chairman
Prince George's County Council

Some Bouquets . . . and Brickbats

The Nicest People

I have enjoyed your News Review for many years, but have never written to you before. . . .
—March 7, 1991

Our Year's Stay

This month my family and I are returning to our home in Florida after a year's stay in Greenbelt while we worked temporarily at the Goddard Space Flight Center. During our year in Greenbelt, we participated in most of your community events, attended one of your local churches, had our first child born nearby, and, of course, have received your newspaper regularly. I am writing to you and your readers to express our thanks for an enjoyable year. . . .
—August 18, 1988

Thanks

On behalf of my mother, and siser, thank you for the honor you bestowed upon my father, by including in the News Review, the picture and lengthy article on his life and activities in Greenbelt.
—May 21, 1992

Support the Arts

Thanks to the citizens of our community and to the News Review for the wonderful support provided to the Greenbelt Arts Center and the Prince Georges Arts Council. Since my 75th birthday concert on March 3, I have received many telephone calls and letters and spoken face to face with at least 100 people who expressed regret that they were unable to attend.

Our Greenbelt has a great thing going for it—our sense of community and our ability to forge ahead while even with our diversity we relish in our unity. So, please, give yourselves a present and become a patron of the arts.

Thanks

Thank you for the wonderful job producing the Greenbelt News Review. Your combined talents and dedication show through in a consistently informative and quality publication.
—February 18, 1988

Ready For the 90's

The News Review deserves much credit for its participation in the Citizens for Greenbelt (CFG) forum, "The Role of a Community Paper," held at the March 15 membership meeting.

Where else but Greenbelt could this sort of event take place? CFG will continue to serve as a means of bringing forth residents' views on serious issues of public concern. . . . CFG is ready for the 1990s!
—March 22, 1990

Thanks

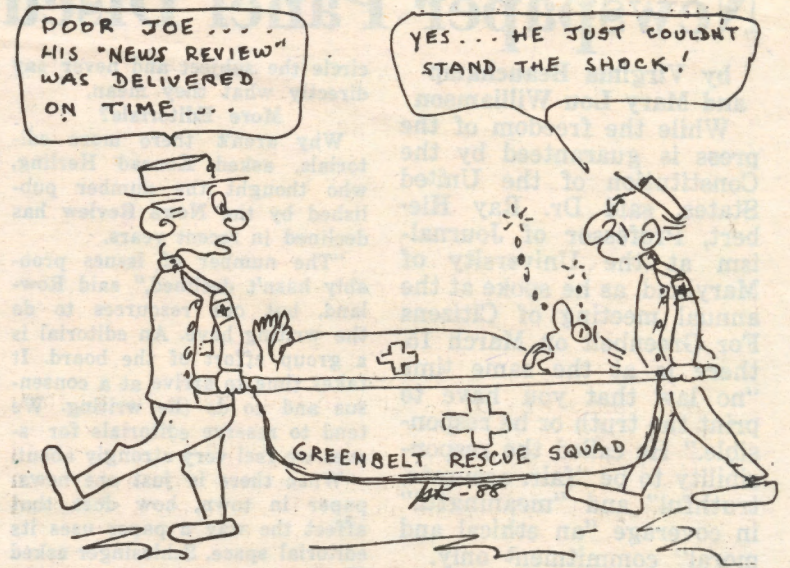
P.S. Your newspaper gave me a handsome write-up as Outstanding Citizen of which I am duly appreciative. I do have a nit to pick. If I served on the Community Relations Advisory Board, I was the invisible member. Those who have put up with me for 24 years were the members of the city's Employee Relations Board—for the record.
—September 12, 1991

Fourth Option

I must take issue with the News Review's front page story of July 2 on the Greenbrook Pond. Virginia Beauchamp's coverage never mentions my request for the development of a fourth option that would include a pond somewhere between the original five acre wet pond and the 1.9 acre pond/2.7 wetlands combination. . . .
—July 9, 1992

The Real Story

"The News Review may attempt (as it has done in the past and as it did in this instance) to defend their comrades from criticism by adding misleading or erroneous editor's notes to citizen letters. Despite this kind of intervention, however, reversal of an unwanted policy may still be achieved through the action of a single citizen who is willing to speak out. Your voice can make a difference!" . . .
Ruth E. Kastner
— August 27, 1992



—cartoon by George Kaufman
— September 29, 1988

Insists on Facts

Since the July 19 News Review article concerning the annexation of the federal courthouse property inadvertently failed to mention the reasoning for my "negative response," I would like to clarify my position. . . .
—July 16, 1992

Misplaced Focus

This last week's festival of war is not what I had in mind when I suggested that the News Review cover local reactions to outside issues. Coverage of "Where were you when . . . was raped?" would be in better taste. These articles leave out most of Greenbelt by asking where they were years before they were born, except for those that will treat it like they do the Civil War, re-righting it until they figure out how it could have been won by their side.

I would prefer that you ask questions such as "Where were you when Homer Smith of LaSalle County, Illinois brought in the bumper crop of wheat and corn that sent his son to college?"
—December 12, 1991

Good Thing

It's a good thing the council members are putting signs up, I wouldn't have known there is an election.

I don't think the News Review has been dropped off even twice where I live in the past year.
—October 24, 1991

Just Say No

Double the \$ Not the Term

I agree with last week's letters to the editor, which were in favor of keeping council terms to two years.

Unquestionably a two-year term is more democratic. On the one hand, voters have more impact. On the other hand, the candidates, while campaigning, talk to many more citizens than they do once they have been elected. As a result they gain a better understanding of the needs and desires of the whole community, not only the "activists."

I strongly recommend an increase in the stipend council receives.

Recommendations: (1) Vote NO to the proposed extension of council terms to four years. (2) Work towards increasing council's stipends.
—October 21, 1991

A Step Away

The city council's proposal to extend the terms of its members should not be supported; vote "no" on this advisory question at the city election on November 5.

Several good reasons could be given, but the most important is that such an extension of terms would represent a further shift away from full participation by Greenbelt citizens in policy-making decisions which affect our lives.
—October 17, 1991

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Newspaper Panel Discusses Issues

by Virginia Beauchamp
and Mary Lou Williamson

While the freedom of the press is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, said Dr. Ray Hiebert, Professor of Journalism at the University of Maryland, as he spoke at the annual meeting of Citizens For Greenbelt on March 15, there is at the same time "no law that you have to print the truth or be responsible." He called the responsibility to be "fair, accurate, truthful" and "meaningful" in coverage "an ethical and moral" commitment only.

Hiebert, who is also consultant to the Voice of America, appeared with two members of the board of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, publishers of the *News Review*, as participants on a panel to discuss the role of a community newspaper. Bill Rowland, president of the board, and Diane Oberg, represented the *News Review*.

Questions and Answers

How does the *News Review* determine what news events to cover? Keith Chernikoff, speaking for Betty Timer, began the question and answer session trying to understand why the paper did not cover the council's recent two-day retreat to Westminster.

We did not have a staff member to cover the retreat, although we would have liked to, explained Oberg. The *News Review* covers almost every major meeting involving the council and almost all community-wide events and many other meetings as well, she said. We attempt to distribute the available staff based on the importance of the events.

Newspapers always have problems of shortages of space and staff to cover stories, Hiebert agreed. "I know of no newspaper in this country that has readers who feel that everything was covered. Any group you talk to will gripe about not having their point of view expressed or their meeting covered. . . . I don't know a tougher job in the country than to try to cover the news and tell the truth and be fair to everybody. It might be impossible."

What about the incident when three citizens vociferously disagreed with a decision council took at a meeting and their objections were not included by the reporter, asked Charles Hagelgans.

"It's difficult for me to comment on that," responded Hiebert. "But I can comment on (tonight's) meeting. Any reporter that didn't report on your concern would not be accurate."

"If it is an issue of importance," responded Oberg, "it will be included." She reminded the audience that council meetings sometimes go on until 2 a.m. So we can't cover every detail, she said. "Every time you write a story you have to judge what is important and what is of interest to the community."

"What are the criteria," asked Schlesinger, "for choosing which comments are quoted on an issue?"

"It's always a reporter's judgment," said Oberg, who frequently reports on council meetings. We try to use quotes that sum up major viewpoints. But even here, she explained, some people are easy to quote and others, even though they speak very well, may

circle the subject and never say directly what they mean.

More Editorials?

Why aren't there more editorials, asked Konrad Herling, who thought the number published by the *News Review* has declined in recent years.

"The number of issues probably hasn't declined," said Rowland, but our resources to do the writing have. An editorial is a group effort of the board. It takes time to arrive at a consensus and to do the writing. We tend to reserve editorials for issues we feel very strongly about.

When there is just one newspaper in town, how does that affect the way a paper uses its editorial space, Schlesinger asked Hiebert.

Usually the owner of the paper says what the editorials are going to be, said Hiebert. It is much harder when you need a cooperative effort in making those decisions. "It seems to me as an outsider, looking at what you've got here and also what I know about similar communities, my sympathies lie with this newspaper. The newspaper has become a very fragile kind of institution. It doesn't get a lot of money or support and it does get enormous criticism. It's so very important in our society, yet it is almost an endangered species." So what can you do? "Find ways to support and energize this very important resource you have."

Activist or Reporter?

I have heard over and over "we don't have enough staff," said Leonie Penney. But I understand that if you are an activist, you can't be on the *News Review*, that people who have volunteered to write about the garden clubs have been told "no because you are an activist." That limits the supply of volunteers, she said.

"That's not completely the way we work," replied Oberg, offering some examples. A council meeting reporter could not also appear before council with a petition or cover an issue in which he or she has participated to the extent of being identified with that issue. On others, who write human interest stories or are not involved in writing, e.g., advertising or business, we place no restrictions.

What is considered appropriate, particularly in a town like Greenbelt, where you have such a small pool of people to do things? Schlesinger asked Hiebert.

"You do have a problem in Greenbelt," he responded. "You have fewer people to draw from here. I'm not sure you can really get people who are 100 percent objective and 100 percent not identified (with an issue). Maybe you have to encourage people even though they have a point of view to do their best to leave that point of view at home."

"There's no such thing as an unbiased point of view," argued

Ben Abramowitz. "Where there is controversy, particularly in small towns where citizens are writing for the paper, there is partiality."

Extrapolating a question from what he called Abramowitz's philosophically interesting comments, Schlesinger asked: "Is it possible to be totally objective?"

From his personal experience, Rowland related what the reporter has at hand at the end of a council meeting—some direct quotes, a very solid set of notes, and a city clerk available for checking facts the next day. I think we can be very objective. As a staff, he said, "we're biased in all sorts of different directions, but we're also biased in favor of bringing it all together . . . as close as possible to the facts. It works well, we think. Of course, we're biased when we say that," he joked.

"The more we are involved in the community, the harder it is to be objective," said Hiebert. The role of the reporter is not to be involved in the issues, it is to get all points of view and let the reader make up his mind. "It's only a goal toward which journalists can strive."

Jerry Dancis protested that the paper had allowed a board member of a Greenbelt organization to report on his own meeting. The practice showed the problems of bias, he suggested, because controversy was not included in the resulting story.

Oberg explained, "We try to cover the council, advisory boards, city-wide organizations, (but) do not cover many of the other cooperative organizations . . . so we do allow those organizations to tell our readers what happened" with the name of the writer appearing on the story.

Letters-to-the Editor

The letters-to-the-editor columns are the mirror of thinking by ordinary people, the non-official part of the community, said Leonie Penney. If letters are not published or are changed, that mirror changes. Charles Hagelgans followed up by questioning the objectivity of the paper in its letters policy. He began listing specific letters his wife, Ruth Kastner, had written that were not published for a variety of reasons. Schlesinger, stopping him, asked whether the *News Review* had provided explanations. Hagelgans replied they had.

Rowland responded regarding the one letter he could recall, and agreed with Hagelgans' description of the *News Review's* point—the election was over and so the issue was no longer timely. Referring to his earlier "list of things we look for in letters," he said each letter is considered individually, on its own merits and on its news value and then measured against the available space. We respect the

words people choose to express themselves, he said, and the substance of what they are saying when we must shorten the letter. Most letters we receive we print.

What are the most frequent grounds for not printing letters, asked Schlesinger.

Issues that are not specific to Greenbelt, or not addressing a current issue, said Oberg. Responding to Hagelgans' point on objectivity, Oberg objected.

"That's something we take a great deal of pride in." We make every effort to leave our personal opinions out of the decision-making. Also we do print letters critical of the *News Review*.

Tom White expressed his dissatisfaction with the newspaper's responses in discussing criteria used for accepting letters. Timeliness, he suggested, should not be included. Why can't you just let Greenbelt be Greenbelt?

Is timeliness a reasonable criterion? Schlesinger asked Hiebert.

"A newspaper has a responsibility to be timely and interesting," Hiebert asserted. "If the information is old," he added, "it's not going to be part of a lively discussion. As such, I as an editor would not use it."

— April 5, 1990

Self-Serving

The city council has placed an advisory question on the ballot in the upcoming city council election which proposes extending council terms from two years to four. I urge Greenbelt voters to respond to this proposal with a resounding "No."

People in other parts of the world are fighting and dying for their right to vote. Here in Greenbelt, we are fortunate to enjoy the privileges and rights of the electoral process. But instead of encouraging involvement in and appreciation for this process, our elected officials are offering to relieve us of the "bother" of voting.

—October 17, 1991

An Historic Seat Finds Its Final Resting Place

by Sandra A. Lange

Visitors to the Greenbelt Museum, at 10-B Crescent Road, have been interested in the origin of the historic toilet seat, a recent acquisition donated by Dr. Clayton S. McCarl, Sr. For 50 years, the toilet seat was installed at 28-A Ridge Road, which is the site of the McCarl family dental offices. From 1937 to 1955, Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Sauls lived at 28-A Ridge. They sold the house in 1955 to Dr. McCarl's father, Dr. James W. McCarl, who also bought the adjoining unit at 28-B.

Dr. McCarl states that the toilet seat was "used every day, morning, noon and night . . . and was used as a resting place for the weary and troubled . . . a place to find relief."

In his acquisition report to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum Dr. McCarl provides information describing the historic value of the object. "This old black rubber toilet seat was the worst looking thing you can imagine. Like most of the building, it was built to last forever. For thirty-three years I resisted the outraged requests of my family and staff to get rid of it. My reply was always, 'No!' It is historic."

"Now I am exonerated! I have found an historic resting place for the resting place!"

Those who have not visited the Museum and viewed the "historic resting place" are cordially invited to do so by FOGM docents, who provide a guided tour of the house, including the bathroom. The Museum is open every Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., and by appointment other days. Call 474-1936 for additional information.

— April 21, 1988

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The Greenbelt News Review celebrated 50 years of continuous publication in 1987. Elaine Skolnik celebrated more than 30 years with the paper, beginning as the "Our Neighbors" columnist, continuing as the resident expert on zoning and development issues, and serving as president of the board from 1977-1985. When she stepped down from the presidency, she was elected president emeritus. Today she

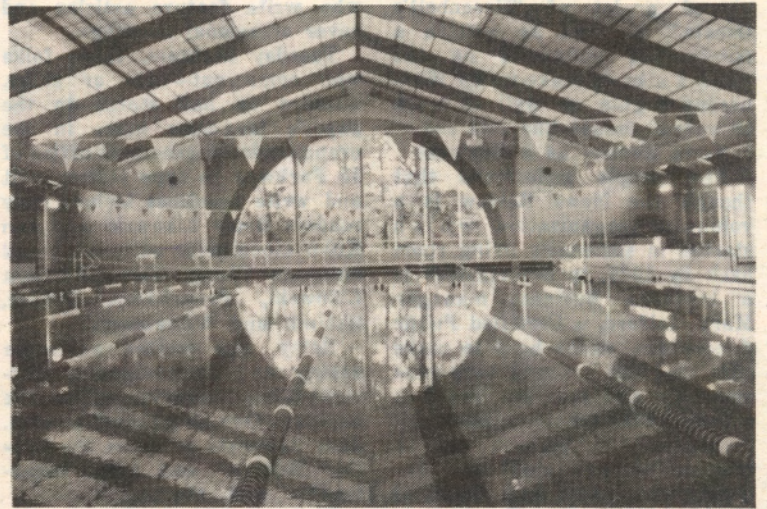
is News Editor, responsible for news assignments and training of interns. In tribute to her many achievements, to her high standards for accuracy and excellence and her personal warmth and integrity, her friends presented Elaine with "Elaine," a publication of anecdotes and remembrances highlighting her career and her special qualities.



Elaine Skolnik is honored with a compilation of personal tributes, appropriately titled "Elaine," during the News's Review's 50th Anniversary Dinner in November. Sharing her pleasure are her husband Victor Nicholson (left), long-time News Review friend Roger Clark (right), and

(beaming over Elaine's shoulder) former News Review Editor Harry Zubkoff. Zubkoff was Master of Ceremonies for the fiftieth anniversary dinner. Attorney Clark took the 1960's libel suit all the way to victory for the paper in the Supreme Court. — January 14, 1988

New Greenbelt Pool Makes a Splash



— photo by Nick Pergola

Rover Race a Riot

by Larry Noel

A most unusual running race, dogs on a leash with runners, was held in Greenbelt National Park on December 13. This writer, who has been to many a running race was treated to a new experience when about 75 dogs and fewer runners entered a 1½ mile running race. Some runners ran with two dogs. Some runners were pulled along to a faster than usual pace (the winner had a very large dog) and won in 7:53, almost a 5-minute mile pace. The winning dog's master (someone remarked "with big dogs one wondered who was the master") was Jim Robinson of Columbia with Jouet of unknown origin. Mark Shaw of Laurel with two Border Collies, Joe and Kathy, was close behind in 7:59.

Awards were made in a different way from normal running races. For instance, the dogs were the only ones getting awards and they made the pick. Awards were made in unusual groupings: Best Dressed dog, sporting sunglasses, was a golden retriever, owned by Beth Eason of Greenbelt in 12:30. Smallest dog was Fluffy, a miniature poodle pulled by Ray McCawley of Greenbelt in 21:27. Largest dog was Chocolate Moose, a golden retriever who pulled Jennifer Ramelmeier of Greenbelt to a 11:22 finish. Oldest dog was Nutmeg, a Sheltie breed owned by Larry Black, College Park, who is a well known biker and writer. First woman finisher was well-known area runner and triathlete, Mary Ann Zimmerman with Camie, a doberman (who refused to let other dogs pass).

Jim Walsh, also a runner and triathlete, was the first Greenbelter to finish with Jack, a Jack Russell terrier in 9:09. Tom Winkert, formerly of Greenbelt, won the race for the little dogs in 8:45 with Penny, a Shetland Sheep dog. Almost everyone there asked for more of these races.

Call 474-9362 for further information about races sponsored by the Prince Georges Running Club.

— December 31, 1987

For the Squirrels

What a fool I was to think I could leave a jack-o-lantern on my doorstep in Greenbelt. Or to think I could grow lettuce or peaches or tomatoes. Because you can't in Greenbelt. In Greenbelt all we can grow is fat squirrels. All of us humans are on health kicks—jogging around the lake having our fat calibrated at the health fair. There aren't many obese humans in Greenbelt, but there sure are obese squirrels. I say it's disgusting.

I have some proposals. One, which is probably un-Greenbeltian, is open season on fat squirrels. Ah, the joy of taking a scatter gun to a squadron of fat squirrels. A squirrel in every pot. Another proposal would be to encourage all Greenbelt cats to become outdoor cats. Don't feed them—they'll get the squirrels. If people won't be predators, maybe cats will.

But perhaps I should look at them in a different light. They could become a tourist attraction. We could charge admission to see the world's fattest, boldest squirrels. We'll have the squirrels counted in the 1990 Census and become an electoral district all by ourselves. People could make them into pets—with leashes, licenses, rabies shots. And squirrel doors, because they're certainly getting into our houses.

My most modest proposal would be at least don't feed them. Squirrels eating out of your hand will soon be squirrels nesting in your house. Maryland may be for crabs, but Greenbelt is for squirrels.

November 24, 1988

Police Blotter

Breaking and Entering

Greenbelt police believe they have found the man responsible for a series of breakings and enterings in the SHL apartments area. A Greenbelt officer recognized the suspect who was in the custody of an officer from another police jurisdiction at the District Court building in Upper Marlboro.

The suspect was wearing tennis shoes reported stolen from an SHL apartment, according to Mathews. As a result of further investigations, a residence in Hyattsville was jointly searched by Greenbelt and Prince Georges police. Several stolen items were recovered. . . Mathews credits the arrest to "good observation on the part of the Greenbelt officer."

— October 10, 1991

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Who's Who on the Staff

(Continued from page 1A)
myself mostly a writer, preferring feature writing to news. Over the years, I have interviewed a lot of "Greenbelt's Greats," as well as written a number of obituaries on the same. I also do make-up on Wednesday nights as well as work on special issues like this one.

News Review as a Business
Few people understand that though the News Review is a volunteer organization which started in someone's living room back in 1937, it nevertheless is a business. Business manager Mary Halford, a Certified Public Accountant, works hard to make sure that the business desk runs smoothly and that the board is supplied with timely financial information. At present she is training her new staff: son Andrew Farris and friend Sean and Marlene Viktor. Tim Farris handles subscriptions.

Among them, they tally up the advertising inches each week, send out bills, maintain the records, and fill out the tax forms.

Advertising, that life-blood of any newspaper, is managed on Tuesday nights by the ad staff, Dorothy White, Joanne Tucker, Lucille Howell, Linda Savaryn and Adrienne Plater. Joanne has fielded ad calls and solicited ads from forgetful advertisers for the last 17 years. It is her job late on Tuesday night, to total up the inches of advertising and tell Mary Lou how big the paper can be that week. Most readers don't think about it, but that's the deciding factor each week—the number of inches of advertising determines the number of pages that can be paid for. The make-up staff chooses from the news copy and fits it to the paper's size.

Proofreading

Proofreading can make a paper shine or become an object of ridicule. Fortunately, the News Review has a core of superior proofreaders, who work Wednesday nights. Those include Lekh and Suzanne Batra, Peter Brady, John Bremer, Sharon Clauser, Robin Cochran, Pat Davis, Cindy Friend, Patty Heil, Elizabeth Jay, Dorothy Lauber, Edward Leake, Robert Levine, Morris Levitt, Betty Maffay, Linda Mallardi, Anne Meglis, Mary Moien, Walter Penney, Bonnie Reinke, Mary Sandilands, Sandra Smith, Olga Strocovsky, Ottilie Van Allen, Tillie Wetter and Virginia Zanner.

Several of these people have

been on the News Review staff for over 15 years. Some, like Mary Moien and Sandra Smith and Betty Timer are also reporters who write feature articles and cover occasional meetings.

Tuesday nighters, those folks who come out—rain or shine, blizzard or hail storm—to the paper's long-time home in the orange-colored basement office of 15 Parkway to type stories, edit and write headlines include copy readers Betsy Likowski and Jan Kuhn along with editorial board members Oberg, Giese, Barbara Likowski, Beauchamp, McGee, Skolnik and Williamson.

Betsy also writes on some zoning and environmental matters. Linda Savaryn writes the popular "Our Neighbors" column. Jane Jaworski compiles the "Police Blotter," and helps occasionally with typing.

Christina O'Boyle charms readers with her "View from Ridge Road" columns.

Judy Goldstein has written the Greenbelt Grab-Bag for years. She holds the record for longevity in column writing, and her gentle humor has tickled the funny bone of two generations of Greenbelters.

Eileen Peterson is a regular feature writer who focuses on cultural arts, the theatre, and library issues. Sheila Cherry is a paralegal student who covers issues in Greenbelt East. Doug Love brings in humorous articles and covers the green scene.

Barbara Likowski, Mary Lou Williamson, Marlene Viktor, Dee downs, and Bernie McGee read page proofs at the print shop on Thursdays.

Putting It All Together

The Wednesday night make-up job—when the News Review stories are cut up, headlines pasted on, and all that fits on the pages is placed in its spot alongside the ads—is performed in rotation by Barbara and Betsy Likowski, Mary Lou Williamson, this reporter, and Marlene Viktor, with assistance from Pearl Siegel, Judy Bordeaux and Pat Davis.

Circulation — delivering the paper on time (well, by Friday evening anyway) — is the job of David Stein, who drops stacks of newspapers on the doorsteps of the carriers within the core of Greenbelt, Greenbelt East, and at businesses throughout the city.

Colin Roberts manages circulation in Springhill Lake.

Approximately 30 boys and

New Plans for Parcel 1

by Elaine Skolnik

In a work session scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 at 8 p.m., the Greenbelt City Council will review Rocky Gorge Communities, Inc.'s revised plans for the development of Parcel 1, the land between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property, north of Northway extended and south of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Last Call for Hike

Hey, Greenbelt — there are 100 beautiful acres of land in this town that you may not know about. The trouble is, it's about to be plowed down so we can have hundreds of additional cars for morning and evening rush hour. If you'd like to see it before the destruction or construction takes place, meet me at the Dump at 1 p.m. this Saturday at the end of Northway extended for a grand tour. There'll be free sandwiches and drinks. For more information about a great hike, call me at 474-4653.

* * *

When I was a kid, I used to play in the woods that are called Parcel 1. I lived all the way across town, but it didn't take a 12-year-old boy long to find such an enchanted forest. I saw my first deer in those woods. At the age of 27 I still go back there to take walks and relax. I'd like to be able to walk through those woods 10 years from now.

—December 3, 1987

girls, ages 8 to 18, (and a few adults) deliver the News Review weekly. Often this is their very first paying job.

The News Review has been printed by Allen Printing in Hyattsville for almost 50 years. This family-owned business — three generations working together, is an integral part of the News Review operation with its ancient linotype machines and hand-set headlines. New-fangled computers have yet to catch up with the Allens who know more about Greenbelt than most Greenbelters.

It takes a lot of people—and a fair amount of dedication and hard work—to put out a newspaper every week, with never a week missed, for 55 years, that's 2860 issues!

Editor's Note: The News Review always needs more help—writing, proofing, editing, advertising or business. Wouldn't you like to join our staff? The pay is nominal. The rewards are great! Call us at 441-2662.

Need Wild Land

When I read that a proposal was being made to develop Parcel 1, and that council, with some minor reservations, seemed to be in favor. I felt physically ill. I thought that we had won this battle — but of course those who fight for preservation of green space must win every battle, while the developers must win only once in order for a forest to be destroyed forever.

If this land is striped and covered with houses of whatever kind, the quiet and solitude will be gone, and so will the deer, forest birds, and many other species that vanished long ago from the rest of Greenbelt. Surely this is not in the best interests of our citizens. We need wild land far more than we need yet more people crowded into the north end of town.

The issue in Parcel 1 is not single-family homes versus townhouses; it is this: in this 50th year of Greenbelt, do we really want to kiss away one of the last remaining fragments of our green belt? Once made, that decision could never be reversed.

Save the Green Belt

From the Air

From an airplane, Parcel 1 seems like a "cushion" protecting the original part of Greenbelt from the hectic Parkway traffic. Winter sunshine shows that this land has large areas of evergreen, surrounded by other, now leafless trees — a microcosm of nature's variety . . . only from the air can you appreciate how much building is already going on! Does anybody need still more? It would be a sick joke indeed to lose this last natural green area during our Golden Anniversary year. Let us not lose it!

—December 17, 1987

Lost Vision

When the Parcel 1 area is developed, the original idea of a green belt will be dead.

Have the good people of the city council lost that original vision of Greenbelt? Did they forget about what Aldo Leopold and Henry Thoreau wrote about communities and the land? It was Thoreau who once said: "the goodness of a community should not be judged by the righteousness of its men, but by the amount of woods that surround it." Need I say more?

—December 10, 1987

Council Authorizes Purchase Of the 102.5-acre Parcel 1



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Bill Mayhew Hits the Jackpot

by Mary Lou Williamson

Greenbelt Center School's librarian for the past five years, and Greenbelt resident for longer, Bill Mayhew will not be returning to work next fall.

Bill will be doing what he loves most, telling stories at birthday parties and conventions and festivals; something he has been able to do only part time in the past. The problem, he said, has been that most story-telling jobs are during the hours when he has been at school. But that won't be a problem any more. He no longer needs a regular pay check coming in. Every May for the next 20 years Bill will get a big check. Last Saturday Bill Mayhew won \$2,000,000 in the Maryland State Lottery.

He sings a little song now, "I ain't gonna work no more, no more . . ." He's enjoyed his years as a librarian in at least six Prince Georges County public elementary schools, he says, and the people he has worked with. "They're marvelous." He liked getting to work early, a half hour at least. He'll miss all that, he says, "but not all that much." Mayhew is a little crazy. It's in his voice. Yesterday he went back to the Tobacco Shop. He bought \$50 worth of dollar lottery tickets, took them to school and gave one to each of his fellow teachers, "hoping a little of my luck might rub off," he says. "I'm so looney!" He laughs.

Mayhew tells classic stories, Beowulf and Odysseus, and folk tales of Black Americans and American Indians and the traditional Germanic tales collected by the Brothers Grimm. He learns new stories at swap sessions, memorizing the ones he likes as he hears them. Mayhew has a collection of 500 books and tape, all indexed in his computer, 16,000 entries.

Bill has bought about \$130 worth of lottery tickets over the years, responding off and on to a friend who bugs him to buy. "It's one chance in 13,000,000," he says. "Someone's gotta win."

Last Saturday he went to the Co-op for a few groceries and a prescription. When he returned to pick up the prescription from the druggist, Mr. Galloway, it wasn't ready. "So I went to put the groceries in the car and kill a little time." He bought a dollar lottery ticket at the Greenbelt Variety Store. And won. He won \$2,000,000 and the right to "tell stories, to realize my dream of all these years."

So folks he's available for birthday parties, and yes, he will charge.

Bill lives with his wife, Maren, a nurse-practitioner.

—May 31, 1990

St. Hugh's Thanks Mishkan Torah

At their mid-morning service at Mishkan Torah Congregation on July 8, Rabbi Saul Grife and the congregation were given a gift from St. Hugh's Parish, its parishioners and its school students. Father John P. Stack, pastor at St. Hugh's made the presentation of a standing pamphlet rack, made of oak wood.

Father Stack expressed the thanks of the Parish for the use of Mishkan Torah, and the immediate unsolicited response to St. Hugh's fire that was given by the congregation through the efforts of Linda Spivack.

—August 3, 1989

A Year Ago And Now Thanks

Open Letter to Our Greenbelt Patrons:

We could not let '91 draw to a close without thanking the town of Old Greenbelt for the support of Old Greenbelt Theatre.

To our staunch loyal regulars that stuck with us from the very beginning throughout our trials and errors a special thanks is offered for hanging with us these past months . . .

Staff & Management

P.G. Old Greenbelt Theatre
— December 26, 1991

The Real Story

To the Editor:

I read with interest your "Ten Top Stories of 1988" and wish to reflect upon two entries.

First, when the News Review selects the "Top Ten Stories for 1989," report the real story (of the fire at St. Hugh's). The story of how a small community accepted the challenge of a tragic event and turned it into a triumph of community spirit. Tell how city leaders acted quickly and remained steadfast throughout. Tell how city staff made themselves a part of the recovery effort in a way that was sincere and meaningful. Tell how the Recreation Department acted in aid with the true spirit of sportsmanship. Tell of the leaders and people of all faiths who offered and provided temporal and spiritual support. Tell of countless contributions from the people of Greenbelt who live what we profess: We are a family and when one of us hurts we all hurt and when one of us succeeds we all succeed. If ever anyone takes issue with this, tell them of the Christmas fire.

"Paradiso"

The Academy-Award winning film "Cinema Paradiso" is the story of a man who spent most of his young life enthralled with old movies that played every week in his small town's movie theater. The wonderful (and painful) experiences he had at that theater marked his life forever.

So did my theater experiences. My home town of Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania had just one theater. I remember how I held my breath during the opening sequence of "The Sound of Music." For what seemed like years, I wanted to be Julie Andrews when I grew up. I wanted an indomitable spirit that would climb every mountain and ford every stream.

The day the Slippery Rock marquee dimmed its lights forever, my world seemed to become smaller. Sure, I still had my books, but I missed the magic that happened when moving pictures, words and music all came together.

It's true . . . downtown Greenbelt did seem to come alive the day the theater marquee brightened. And it's a wonderful place to see movies, thanks to a large screen, a spectacular sound system, and a manager named Cheryl Reid who has never failed to greet me.

I believe that something important will be lost if the Greenbelt marquee lights are dimmed again. I'm not sure exactly what, but it could be something as simple as happiness. Walker Percy once wrote, "I am quite happy in a movie, even a bad movie." Isn't this true of all of us, in some small way? The only lights that should be dimmed at the Greenbelt Theater are the ones inside . . . the ones that signal the beginning of another movie experience that holds the promise of a moment or two of happiness.

We need our Greenbelt Paradiso!

S. J. Anderson
— September 10, 1992

Plant Kills Hurt

After reading a recent letter to the editor titled "Fish Kills Hurt Too," I went out into my backyard to practice casting. In my haste, I snagged a tomato plant on my first cast. While removing my hook I noticed all the leaves wilting from pain. A blood-like fluid was dripping from the wound in the body of the plant. At that instant I realized that plant kills hurt too!

In sadness I went back inside only to notice that my house plants were bent towards the window light in a symbolic escape attempt. I began to think differently about plants and vegetables. Raising and caring for vegetables only to kill and eat them at the mature point of their lives is more than unfair. It is another form of human exploitation of a less motile life form.

I began to study gardening only to find that government doesn't regulate it yet. No license is needed to raise, kill, and devour plants and vegetables. To deal with this dilemma, I have started the first vegetable rights organization in Greenbelt. The only membership requirement is to have eyes on the front of your head and canine teeth in your mouth like other carnivores. Only people with eyes on the sides of their head and herbivore type dentation will be excluded. With these membership requirements in place, I'm expecting an overwhelming response to the upcoming membership drive.

Vegetable righters will respect their lawns and stop mowing them. The senseless killing of millions of grass blades with sharp whirling metal blades is not only a dangerous practice but also an unnecessary waste of dwindling energy supplies. As more and more Greenbelters join the ranks, the community will become progressively greener. Soon the green in Greenbelt will have a new meaning.

Jim Lynch
President of Brown Piece

—August 27, 1992

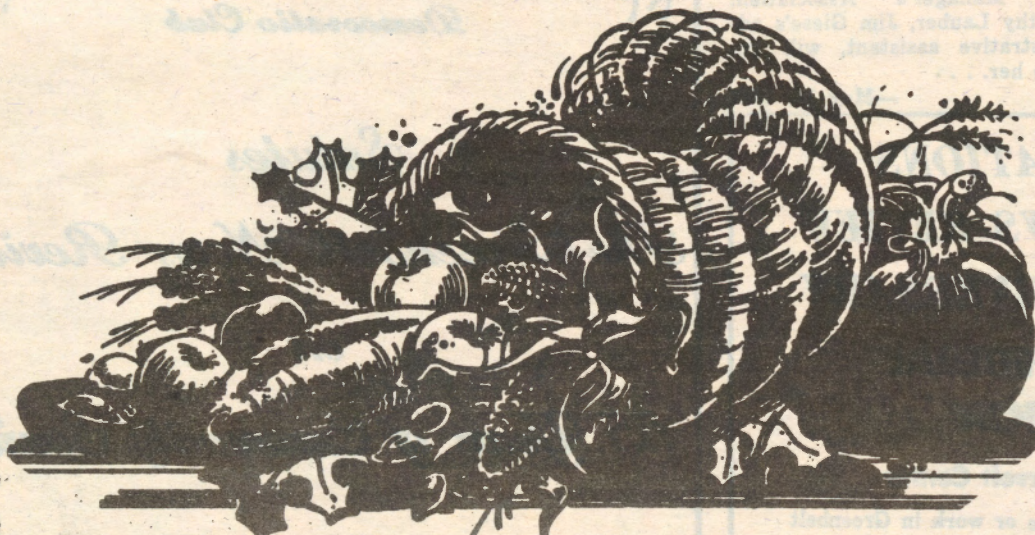
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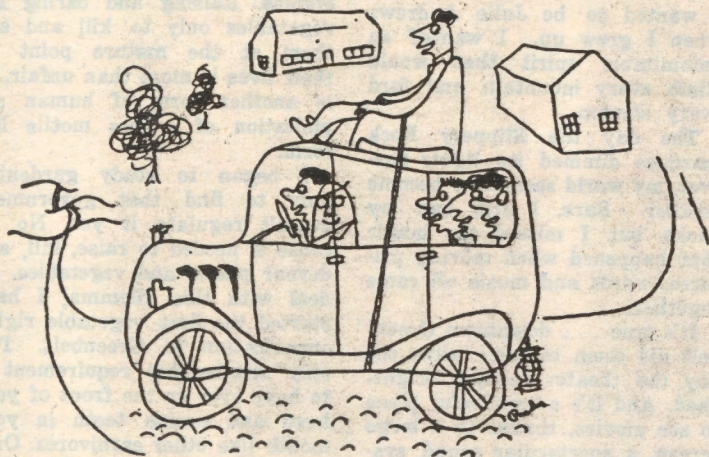
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The Torch Is Passed

Giese Retires

by Sandra A. Lange

After 29 years of public service as Greenbelt's city manager, James K. Giese retires on June 30. Jim Giese has been called the ultimate city manager, the true believer in the council/manager form of government. Without personal fanfare he carries out directives of the elected officials under whom he serves. In so doing, he brings to Greenbelt positions that are respected in the halls of the State legislature and the chambers of the County Council. Greenbelt's voice is one that policy makers and politicians heed. . . .



Everybody's going to the retirement dinner for Jim Giese and Gudi Mills. Got your tickets?

— May 16, 1991

His insistence on fairness is equalled by his dedication to hard work. "I've tried to instill in people who work for the city that whatever Greenbelt is, it can be better. I'm not the only one who feels this way. I hope employees of the city do their jobs better in Greenbelt than (employees) elsewhere."

Proud Accomplishments

Over the years Giese has been most surprised—and gratified—by the decisions of Greenbelt East citizens and the commercial developers of the Greenway Shopping Center/Maryland Trade Center Complex to seek annexation to the city. "When condo homeowners and developers choose to pay higher taxes in order to have a voice in planning and zoning issues, it speaks well for the respect the city has earned," he proudly asserts.

He enjoys seeing a project through from conception to fruition. "Every new project gives me great satisfaction," he declares. He particularly savors his role in the construction of the new police station and Green Ridge House. He is also proud of the indoor swimming pool. . . . "It will be the most attractive building in the city," he asserts with obvious pride. . . .

He also is proud of the visual image of the city with its many flower beds created by Bill Phelan, the city's horticulturist. "There is always something to look at which helps make the city a nicer place," he beams.

The community center, too, will be a valued addition to the city, he believes. . . . "It's important to provide facilities for a lot of different groups, especially for arts groups. It's as important as having a library or a museum," he states. . . .

For the most part, he is pleased with his accomplishment. "The job has been dynamic, challenging. I never felt it was getting to be 'old hat,'" he comments. "Greenbelt always had its characters. It helped to make

life interesting." He pauses and smiles. "To some extent, I became one of the characters." . . .

—May 16, 1991

Mills Retires

by Sandra A. Lange

Gudrun Mills has been Greenbelt's city clerk for 20 years. She retires on May 31 at age 65. A joint retirement dinner for Mills and City Manager Jim Giese is planned for May 23 at Martin's Crosswinds.

Sometime after coming to the Washington area, Gudi applied for the city clerk's job in Greenbelt. She did not know what the city clerk's job entailed. Her interview with city manager Jim Giese went well, and within a month she had left her higher paying job on Capitol Hill and joined the city staff.

Over the years, she has become more than the keeper of the official records—the recorder of the minutes of every council meeting. She has an encyclopedic memory, and can recall details of council meetings that occurred 10 or 15 years

Hobbs Appointed

by Sandra A. Lange

"Where is Greenbelt Going?" And, How does it want to get there?" These are the profound questions Greenbelt's new city manager, Daniel G. Hobbs, thinks will need to be answered in the next few years. But not by him. The essence of Hobbs' management style is that he sees himself as a facilitator—not a creator. "It won't be my job to answer those questions," Hobbs asserts, but rather to bring the right people together—citizens, staff, council—to process problems effectively.

Hobbs can be described as "the textbook city manager." He is young (40ish), lean, with a polished manner somewhat in variance with his unruly shock of light auburn hair. His desk is uncluttered. He conveys an air of drive and ambition, as well as boyish enthusiasm for being the manager of a planned community. In his 20 years in the field of city management, he has steadily climbed the ladder to more and more responsible positions.

"I always dreamed of being manager of a city like Reston or Columbia," he remarks. It wasn't until after he came to Greenbelt that he realized he had accom-

plished his goal; he was the manager of a planned community, one of the first in the country. It is these experiences in fiscal management that Hobbs feels attracted the Greenbelt city council's attention. He feels that he and the council are a good match. He respects the policy-making role of elected officials and the high degree of citizen participation in Greenbelt. He believes these qualities were responsible for the council's selecting him as the new city manager. . . .

Philosophically, Hobbs considers himself very close to Jim Giese. He jokingly observes, "When people say, 'Oh, you're the one who's filling Jim Giese's shoes,' I say the only difference between us is that Jim is a 10½ wing tip and I am a 9½ loafer." . . .

—September 12, 1991

Keeping Neutral

One of the hardest parts of her job is to keep her mouth shut, she asserts. When she prepares the minutes or summaries of the meetings, she is very careful to remain impartial. "As a city employee, you don't have opinions," she maintains. "I have to look at issues and reflect what happened—and keep neutral." . . .

Gudi has special praise for her boss, Jim Giese. "People don't realize how much he has done for the employees," she declares about the benefits enjoyed by city workers. "He never takes credit for things other people do," she adds. "But if there's a goof up, he will take the blame. A lot of what is accomplished is due to Jim Giese," she states emphatically.

She also applauds what she views as his "Open Door" policy. "I can talk with him any time I have a problem—as can any employee." . . .

Gudi is proud of the Outstanding Employee of Maryland award she received from the Maryland City Manager's Association. Dorothy Lauber, Jim Giese's administrative assistant, will replace her. . . .

—May 16, 1991

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Writing for Relief

Saturday, January 9 I was at my office after gum surgery—in pain but meeting deadlines. At 3 p.m. I was called and told my mother-in-law had just died. After a number of calls I returned to my work. About 8:30 p.m., the combination of pain and grief was too much and I went out to drive home to find that my car had been stolen.

I called 911 to report the theft to the D.C. police. I was told I would have to wait one-and-a-half to two hours at the office for them to call back. My brother-in-law came and took me to his house where I called the D.C. police again. I was told I would have to wait. I gave them my home number. I arrived home about 10:15 p.m.; a D.C. policeman had called.

I returned his call and was told that communications shut down at 10 p.m. Interesting city.

At about 1 a.m., Officer White from the Gaithersburg police came by and asked if I owned my car, was it stolen and had I reported it? The car was recovered in Greenbelt with the thieves. He called Greenbelt to arrange to have me pick it up. Ms. Boehm of Greenbelt communications (they were open) called back to confirm—nice people.

Thanks to the Greenbelt and Gaithersburg police departments, and to the devil with the rest.

— February 18, 1998

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